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S. CON. RES. 53

Condemning all prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States and supporting political and civic participation by such individuals throughout the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 1999

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. GORTON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 20, 2000

Reported by Mr. HATCH with an amendment, an amendment to the preamble, and an amendment to the title

[Strike out all after the resolving clause and the preamble and insert the part printed in *italic*]

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning all prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States and supporting political and civic participation by such individuals throughout the United States.

~~Whereas the belief that all persons have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is a truth that individuals in the United States hold as self-evident;~~

Whereas all individuals in the United States are entitled to the equal protection of law;

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have made profound contributions to life in the United States, including the arts, the economy, education, the sciences, technology, politics, and sports, among other areas;

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have demonstrated their patriotism by honorably serving to defend the United States in times of armed conflict, from the Civil War to the present;

Whereas due to recent allegations of espionage and illegal campaign financing, the loyalty and probity of individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States have been questioned;

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have suffered unfounded and demagogic accusations of disloyalty throughout the history of the United States; and

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have been subjected to discriminatory laws, including the former Act of May 6, 1882 (22 Stat. 58, chapter 126) (often referred to as the “Chinese Exclusion Act”) and a 1913 California law relating to alien-owned land, and by discriminatory actions, including internment of patriotic and loyal individuals of Japanese ancestry during the Second World War, the repatriation of Filipino immigrants, and the prohibition of individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry from owning property, voting, testifying in court, or attending school with other people in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

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Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have demonstrated their patriotism by honorably serving to defend the United States in times of armed conflict, from the Civil War to the present;

Whereas recent allegations of espionage and illegal campaign financing involve allegations of misconduct by certain individuals, such allegations should not result in questioning the loyalty and probity of individuals of the same or similar ancestry in the United States, simply due to such ancestry; and

Whereas individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry have suffered discrimination and unfounded accusations of disloyalty throughout the history of the United States, resulting in discriminatory laws, including the former Act of May 6, 1882 (22 Stat. 58, chapter 126) (often referred to as the “Chinese Exclusion Act”) and a 1913 California law relating to alien-owned land, and discriminatory actions, including internment of patriotic and loyal individuals of Japanese ancestry during the Second World War, the repatriation of Filipino immigrants, and the prohibition of individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry from owning property, voting, testifying in court, or at-

*tending school with other people in the United States:
Now, therefore be it*

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) Congress condemns all prejudice against in-
4 dividuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the
5 United States and publicly supports the participa-
6 tion of the individuals in the political, public, and
7 civic affairs of the United States; and

8 (2) it is the sense of Congress that—

9 (A) no Member of Congress or any other
10 individual in the United States should stereo-
11 type or generalize the actions of an individual
12 to an entire group of people;

13 (B) individuals of Asian and Pacific Island
14 ancestry in the United States are entitled to all
15 rights and privileges afforded to all individuals
16 in the United States; and

17 (C) the Attorney General, the Secretary of
18 Energy, and the Commissioner of the Equal
19 Employment Opportunity Commission should,
20 within their respective jurisdictions, investigate
21 all allegations of discrimination in public or pri-
22 vate workplaces and vigorously enforce the se-
23 curity of the national laboratories of the United

1 ~~States, without discriminating against individ-~~
 2 ~~uals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry.~~

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 5 *dividuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the*
 6 *United States; and*

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8 *(A) no individual in the United States*
 9 *should stereotype or generalize the actions of an*
 10 *individual to an entire group of people;*

11 *(B) individuals of Asian and Pacific Island*
 12 *ancestry in the United States are entitled to all*
 13 *due process rights and privileges afforded to all*
 14 *individuals in the United States; and*

15 *(C) all executive agencies should act within*
 16 *their respective jurisdictions in accordance with*
 17 *existing civil rights laws.*

Amend the title to read as follows: “Condemning all
 prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island
 ancestry in the United States.”.

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